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## ABSTRACT:

A method of writing additional foreign data either to a blank magnetic card and/or to an existing magnetic striped card is used to consolidate information from possibly multiple credit type cards onto a single card. The additional data that may be from multiple cards or that may be generated or gathered from other sources can then be written to a single card for example to consolidate the information.

6 Claims, 5 Drawing figures